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ROLL OF MISSIONARIES.

Sandy Creek Township.....Henry Long.
Hayesville Township.....T. M. Foster.
Gold Mine Township.....J. B. Williams.
Franklinton Township.....L. A. Levister.
Dunns' Township.....W. E. Stallings.
Harris Township.....T. J. Harris.
Freemans' Township.....A. Harris.
Cypress Creek Township.....J. P. Penny.
Cedar Rock Township.....Joseph Webb.
Louisburg Township.....A. T. Neal and B. D. Harris.

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Sandy Creek T. S., Bro. Henry Long.....Ingleside, N. C.
Hayesville T. S., T. M. Foster.
Gold Mine T. S., J. B. Williams.
Franklinton T. S., J. A. Levister.
Dunns' T. S., J. T. Crudup.....Bunns, N. C.
Harris T. S., A. L. Cook.....Royal, N. C.
Freemans T. S., A. Harris.....Youngsville, N. C.
Cypress Creek T. S., Joseph Webb.....Mapleville, N. C.
Louisburg T. S., B. D. Harris and J. H. Harris....Louisburg, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

HAYWOOD, N. C., May 30, 1903.

The Franklin County Baptist Sunday School Convention met with the Haywood Baptist Church and Sunday School, Rev. Jas. A. Hawkins presiding. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. C. H. Williamson.

The Superintendent of Sunday School was called for to give the welcome address, but being absent, the address was given by the President.

Bro. S. P. Hawkins was the appointee to make the response, but being absent, the response was made by B. J. Williams.

Remarks were made in the Convention by Bro. A. Harris, Miss C. B. Person, Bro. L. A. Brooks, and others.

Minutes of the last meeting read, received and adopted, followed by the enrollment of delegates, after which the various committees were appointed, and Rev. Williamson was appointed to teach the lesson Sunday morning at half-past nine o'clock.

The report of the Treasurer was called for, who reports that money placed in his hands at the last Convention, $21.51; paid to the Recording Secretary for minutes $15.00; paid to the Secretary for services, $5.00; total paid out, $20.00, leaving on hand $1.51. Report received.

Report of missionaries was called for, and Bro. W. E. Stallings, missionary for Dunn's T. S. reports that visits made, 10; miles travelled, 58; lectures given, 7; lessons taught, 1.

Collection from Gethsemane, 50 cents; from Jones Hill, 35 cents; total, 85 cents.

Bro. J. A. Levister, missionary for Franklinton T. S. reports visits made, 3; miles traveled, 27; lessons taught, 2; lectures given, 2. Collection from First Baptist Sunday School, Franklinton, $1.02; Perry's Seminary, 86 cents; Green Chapel, 50 cents; Manasseh Chapel, 50 cents; Concord, 20 cents; total, $3.08.

Missionary for Hayesville T. S. Collection, 25 cents.

Missionary for Sandy Creek T. S. $1.23.

Missionary for Harris T. S. reports miles traveled, 50; visits made, 7; lessons taught, 2; lectures given, 8. Collections: from Mt. Moriah, 25 cents; from Jones Hill, 62

cents; from Green Leaf, 80 cents; from Mass Rock, 57 cents; total collection, $2.24.

Heartfelt and soul-stirring talks were made by Bro. Wallace Cook, Rev. Williamson, and others.

At the last sitting of the Convention at Liberty, the Convention appointed the Corresponding Secretary to see that Long's Sunday School was furnished with some Bibles, but having failed to attend to it, the Convention appoints Rev. Williamson to attend to the matter.

Collection was then called for, which amounts to 90 cents.

The Convention was dismissed with praver by Bro. Wallace Cook, and benediction by Rev. Williamson, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Superintendent opened the Sunday School as usual with music by the choir, followed by prayer by the Assistant Superintendent.

The choir again sang a beautiful selection, and the lesson was then read in concert, after which Rev. Williamson took charge of the lesson and ably taught for forty-five minutes, by which many instructive truths were set forth.

Collection was then taken by Bro. W. J. Foster, which amounted to $3.03, and after hearing from the delegates and Sunday School workers, the Convention took recreation for ten minutes.

At the appointed time, the President took the stand, assisted by Revs. C. H. Williamson, W. H. Harris and J. J. Young. Rev. Williamson lined and the congregation sang No. B. H. B. 299—"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," etc. The President then read the third chapter of Colossians, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Harris, and "I heard the voice of Jesus say" was also sung.

Rev. Hawkins announced his text as found in Jer. 26th chapter and a part of the 13th verse, and the 6th chapter and a part of the 16th verse. His principal theme was, "Obey the voice of the Lord."

After an impressive and heartfelt sermon, prayer was offered by Rev. Young. "Come ye that love the Lord," was sung, and Rev. Williamson came forward and took collection, of which the following named persons gave 25 cents: Revs.

C. H. Williamson, Jas. A. Hawkins, W. H. Harris, J. J. Young, S. P. Pearce and Peter Fogg, and Brothers W. J. Foster, J. N. Penny, Willis Cook, S. P. McKnight, Wallace Cook, L. A. Brooks, Joe Kenneday, Joseph Webb, Jack Dunston, Hezekiah Cook, C. J. Fuller, Nelson Person, Bartlett Perry, Robt. Brooks and Walter Mayo, and Misses Cora B. Person and Eura L. Cook. The collection amounted to $9.31.

Prayer was then offered by Bro. C. L. Mitchiner and benediction by Rev. Harris, and the Convention took recess one hour, to meet again at 2 o'clock.

The Convention met at the appointed time, and the devotional service was conducted by Rev. S. P. Pearce. Next comes the address by Miss Randolph, the representative of the Orphan Asylum. After a beautiful address by Miss Randolph, the Committee on Time and Place reported, which was received. Committee on Resolutions reported, which was received.

Then comes the essays by the following ladies: Miss Mary Perry, of Louisburg—subject, "The Changes of Adversity"; Miss Bessie L. Hopkins, of Youngsville—subject, "Duties of the Sabbath."

Missionary for Cedar Rock T. S. reports miles traveled, 30; visits made, 6; lectures given, 6; lessons taught, 3. Collection from Walnut Grove Sunday School, 30 cents; total collection, 35 cents.

Committee on Temperance reported, which was received. After which Committee on Finance reports that 1,619 scholars, $16.19. Report received.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by Bro. H. H. Person and benediction by Rev. C. H. Williamson, to meet with the Louisburg First Baptist Church and Sunday School the fifth Saturday and Sunday in November, 1903.

Collections for the session, $37.68.

Disbursements were as follows:

To Shiloh Institute, through the President	$10.00
" Orphan Asylum at Oxford, N. C.	5.00
" Haywood Sunday School	1.00
" Preacher	1.00
" Baptist State S. S. Convention, through Rev. C. H. Williamson	5.00
Total disbursements	$22.00
Money remaining on hand	$15.68

Rev. Jas. A. Hawkins, *President.*

Lewis H. Perry, Jr., *Recording Secretary.*

Louisburg, N. C., November 28, 1903.

The Franklin County Baptist Sunday School Convention met with the Louisburg First Baptist Church Sunday School, President Jas. A. Hawkins presiding. The devotional service was conducted by the President.

The Superintendent of Sunday School came forward and gave the welcome address. Responded to by Bro. L. A. Brooks, of Letha, followed by the enrollment of delegates.

The President being called off by the hand of Providence, asked Bro. L. A. Brooks to take the chair, as the Vice-President was absent.

A motion prevailed that Rev. L. T. Christmas be allowed to speak of his work after Sunday School to-morrow morning.

The minutes of the last meeting read, received and adopted, followed by the appointment of the various committees.

The Treasurer came forward and reported that money placed in his hands at the last Convention, $15.58; paid to the Recording Secretary, $1.40, leaving on hand $14.18. Report received, and Rev. Joshua Perry was appointed to teach the lesson to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock.

Report of the missionaries called for.

Missionary for Harris T. S. reports visits made, 9; miles traveled, 30; lessons taught, 3; lectures given, 4. Collection from Green Leaf Sunday School, $1.55; Mt. Moriah Sunday School, 20 cents; Jones Hill Sunday School, $1.00; total collections, $2.75.

W. E. Stalling, missionary for Dunn's T. S., reports visits made, 5; miles travelled, 40; lessons taught, 3; lectures given, 4. Collection, $1.91.

Collection was then taken, which amounted to 55 cents, after which prayer was offered by Bro. B. D. Harris, and the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Sunday School was opened as usual, and Rev. Joshua Perry took charge of the lesson and taught for thirty-five minutes. Collection was taken by the President, which amounted to $1.02.

Rev. Christmas came forward and gave a most beautiful address, and after music by the Timberlake Hall Choir, $2.00 was taken up for Rev. Christmas.

Rev. A. W. Pegues was the appointee to preach, but being absent, Rev. Christmas took the stand, assisted by W. H. Harris. Rev. Christmas read the 6th chapter of Colossians, and prayer was offered by Rev. Harris, after which hymn No. 703 was sung—"Am I a soldier of the cross?" etc. Rev. Christmas was then introduced to the Convention, and Rev. Christmas announced his text as found in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and the second verse. After an impressive sermon, prayer was then offered by Bro. Joseph Harris.

Collection was then taken by Bro. Walker Foster, assisted by Bro. L. A. Brooks, which amounted to $4.25.

The following persons gave 25 cents: Rev. W. H. Harris, Brethren J. A. Levister, H. N. Jeffreys and R. N. Allston.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. A. Levister for thirty minutes.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

At the appointed time the Convention was called to order by Bro. J. L. G. Cook. "Blessed be the tie that binds" was sung, and a portion of the third chapter of St. John was also read, and prayer offered by Bro. L. A. Brooks, followed with music by the Timberlake Hall Choir.

About this time the Vice-President took the chair.

Miss Alice M. Roberts, of the Girls' Training School at Franklinton, addressed the Convention in behalf of the said school.

Then came the essays by the following ladies: Miss Lelia Hawkins—subject, "Christian Influence"; Miss Nannie V. Cook, of Royal—subject, "Motives and Methods"; Miss Lucy Dunston, of Letha—subject, ...

Committee on Temperance reports. Report received and adopted.

Committee on Officers and Missionaries and Committee on Resolutions and Committee on Finance reports received.

The Convention adjourned to meet with the Green Leaf Baptist Sunday School the fifth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1904.

Disbursements were as follows:

To Girls' Training School	$10.00
Secretary	5.00
Louisburg Sunday School	1.00
Preacher	1.00
Colored Orphan Asylum at Oxford	5.00
Total disbursements	$22.00

Rev. Jas. A. Hawkins, *President.*
Lewis H. Perry, Jr., *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following:

Whereas, Intemperance has caused so much crime and suffering in our country, we recommend that all Sunday School teachers, officers and co-workers unite themselves into a temperance band, and that they have temperance lectures given in their various Sunday Schools, and do all in their power to drive intemperance from our land.

Whereas, Intemperance has been such a curse to us in the use of the tongue, food, dress and worldly pleasure and whereas, so many are brought to degradation and death by the use of strong drink, which is prohibited in God's Word:

Resolved, That our superintendents and teachers be more faithful in presenting practical Christianity in the temperate use of the tongue, food, dress and wordly pleasures.

Resolved, That they teach the Word of God as it is; that the schools hold up a standard for the people by removing superintendents or teachers for the use of strong drink even as a beverage.

We also recommend that the superintendent, officers and teachers abstain from the use of snuff, tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipes in any form; also to abstain from wine and liquors as a beverage.

We earnestly believe that nothing can be done in the Sunday School for temperance unless the example is first set by pastors, superintendents and teachers.

We further recommend that we be temperate in all things.

Paul also said, "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; But be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Harris,
J. R. Mcknight,
Miss Lillie Johnson,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TIME.

We, your Committee on Time, beg leave to submit the following:

That this Convention meet next with the Green Leaf Baptist Sunday School, the fifth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1904.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following:

Number of scholars represented in this Convention	1,085
Money	$10.85

Nellie B. Perry,
J. D. Collins,
John Stones,
Committee.

STATISTICS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Name of School.	Superintendents and their Post-office.	Secretaries and their Post-office.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Bible Readers.	No. of Teachers.
Liberty	L. H. Perry, Sr., Louisburg	Nellie B. Perry, Louisburg	70	50	6
Timberlake's Hall	Bartlett Perry, Louisburg	Theo. Perry, Louisburg	30	10	3
Shady Grove					
Franklinton, First Church	W. H. Person, Franklinton	F. F. Hicks, Franklinton	225	200	10
Union Grove	R. H. Holden, Youngsville	S. S. Debnam, Youngsville	50	30	3
Rocky Chapel					
Allen's Chapel					
Mt. Moriah	H. R. Perry, Louisburg	Cora Telpher, Louisburg	40	30	4
Green Leaf	H. N. Jeffreys, Louisburg, R. F. D. No. 1	A. L. Cook, Royal	40	30	4
Main Street Baptist Sunday School	W. H. Harris, Louisburg	R. H. Johnson, Louisburg	75	50	6
Concord	W. H. Hawkins, Letha	J. H. Perry, Kittrell, R. F. D. No. 1	65	50	4
Manassah's Chapel	Robert Brooks, Franklinton	Ballie Person, Franklinton	65	50	4
Gethsemane	Weston Jones, Sutton	Lucy Crudup, Sutton	50	30	4
Louisburg, First Church					
Green Chapel	S. D. Cook, Katesville	J. D. McKnight			
Cedar Rock					
Little Zion					
Perry's Seminary	C. L. Mitchner, Franklinton	G. W. Mitchell, Franklinton	75	50	5
Wilder's Seminary	James Crudup, Franklinton	Brit A. Solomon, Franklinton	30	15	4
Long's School	Cue Wilson	R. B. Williams	30	15	2
Jones' Hill	J. J. Jones, Louisburg, R. F. D. No. 1	Annie B. Crudup, Louisburg	30	15	3
Tar River Cut-off					
Perry's Chapel					
Jordan's Chapel	James S. Jones, Brodie	J. B. W. Jones, Brodie	35	30	4
Mitchell's Chapel	R. H. Foster, Epsom	Walter Rodwell, Epsom	35	20	4
Walnut Grove	Joseph Webb, Cedar Rock	P. P. Leonard, Mapleville	50		
Staleyo					
Haywood's	C. B. Branch	Harriet Sutton	40	20	5
Moulton					
Rocky Hill	J. W. Alston, Epsom	Lucy Gooch, Epsom	30	15	3
Mt. Olive	Lee Somerville, Laurel	Alice Davis, Laurel	24	12	3

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1. This Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 2. Not more than one person shall speak at the same time. Any who wish to speak shall address the President by the word "Brother."

ART. 3. The person speaking shall not be interrupted unless out of order.

ART. 4. The person speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject under consideration, and in nowise reflect upon any member of the Convention.

ART. 5. No member of this Convention shall at any meeting abruptly leave or absent himself without permission from the body.

ART. 6. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without obtaining leave from the Convention.

ART. 7. The President shall not interrupt any member or prohibit his speaking unless he is out of order.

ART. 8. No member shall be allowed to whisper during the time another member is speaking.

ART. 9. The President may give his views on any subject before putting it to vote, but he is not entitled to vote except in case of a tie.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this body shall be The Franklin County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

ART. 2. The object of this Convention shall be to establish and improve Baptist Sunday Schools in all the churches and destitute neighborhoods throughout the county; to assist in doing mission work, both home and foreign; and to awaken general interest in the religious education of both old and young by gathering them into the Sabbath School.

ART. 3. It shall be composed of officers and delegates sent by the different Sunday Schools belonging to the same, and no person shall be a delegate to this Convention who is not at the time of his election a member of some Missionary Baptist Church and Sunday School.

ART. 4. No Sunday School represented in this Convention shall send more than three delegates, all of whom shall be entitled to seats in the Convention, and one vote for each delegate, provided any delegate representing more than one school shall be entitled to one vote for each school he represents.

ART. 5. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Board consisting of seven members

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention, to decide all points of order and to perform such duties as usually belong to a presiding officer. In the absence of the President it shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assume his duties.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to record all transactions of the Convention while in session and to countersign all orders.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of this Convention to visit or correspond with the various schools of this Convention, pertaining to the interest of the work, and this Convention shall be an auxiliary to the State's Convention

ART. 9. The Treasurer shall hold all money belonging to the Convention, and at each meeting the amount paid out, the same to be paid on the order of the President and Secretary (Rcording)

ART. 10. Each school may continue its membership in the Convention by paying one cent for each of its scholars at each regular meeting of the Convention.

ART. 11. This Convention shall have two regular meetings a year, the time and place to be left to the discretion of the Convention.

ART. 12. The officers of this Convention shall be elected annually at the last meeting in each year: *Provided*, upon bad conduct any officer or missionary may be removed by the Executive Board and said vacancy or vacancies filled by the same Board.

ART. 13. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to carry out the objects of the Convention, and to make out the programmes at the setting of each meeting, by the assistance of the township missionaries, and to complete all unfinished business.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting

PROGRAMME OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

To be held with the Green Leaf Baptist Sunday School the fifth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1904.

12 m.—Devotional services, conducted by Bro. Joseph Harris and and Bro. Thos. Harris.

Welcome address by Superintendent of Sunday School, responded to in behalf of the Convention by Bro. B. K. Perry, of Franklinton.

1 p. m.—Minutes of the last meeting, enrollment of delegates, appointment of committees.

2 p. m.—Unfinished business and new business.

2:30 p. m.—Report of Treasurer, report of Missionaries, and other matters pertaining to the work of the Convention.

3:30 p. m.—Collection and dismission.

SUNDAY, MAY ...

9:30 a. m.—Lesson taught.

11 a. m.—Sermon by ....., collection and dismission for dinner.

1:30 p. m.—The Girls' Training School at Franklinton, by the President and others.

2 p. m.—Essays by the following ladies: Misses Ella Hicks, of Franklinton; Corinna Neal, of Katesville; Cora Ridley, of Louisburg; Alvaretta Thomas, of Pilot.

All delegates and Sunday School workers are requested to meet the Convention on Saturday.

REV. JAS. A. HAWKINS, *President.*

LEWIS H. PERRY, JR., *Secretary.*